

Respect

Respect is believing there is value and potential in each human being.

There are two aspects of respect:

Your attitude or value about people

Respect involves valuing each child and their family as people, separate from any evaluation of their behavior.

Respecting people does not mean sanctioning or approving their thoughts or behaviors that society may disapprove.

Values and beliefs that convey respect include belief in the following:

- All human beings are worthy
- Each person is a unique individual
- People have the right to self-determination and to make their own decisions
- People can change

Your ability to communicate respect in observable ways

When communicating respect, convey warmth that says you accept people, you like them, you care about them, and you have concern for them.

Respect can be communicated and demonstrated by:

- Communicating warmth
- Showing commitment
- Recognizing and using a person's strengths
- Being open-minded and non-judgmental